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SUBJ: CHILEAN ASYLEES IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO

1. THE RELEASE OF THE TEN ASYLEES IN THE COLOMBIAN EMB IN SANTIAGO HAS REMOVED AN IMPORTANT OBSTACLE TO COLOMBIAN-CHILEAN RELATIONS. FONOFF SOURCES STATED THAT THE ASYLEES WILL LEAVE ON JUNE 12. THEY ATTRIBUTE THE DELAY TO PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORT. AS OF JUNE 11, NO ADDITIONAL ASYLEES HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO THE COLOMBIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO.

2. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY NATIONAL POLICE GENERAL JORGE ORDONEZ THAT COLOMBIA WOULD NOT RECEIVE MORE ASYLEES, HOWEVER, WAS PROMPTLY DISOWNED BY FONMIN VAZQUEZ, WHO LABELED THE ORDONEZ STATEMENT "ABSURD". VAZQUEZ CLEARLY INTENDS TO HOLD THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO THE LETTER OF THE LAW ON ASYLUM AND HAS NO INTENTION OF TURNING AWAY FUTURE ASYLEES.

3. IN THE ABSENCE OF A FUTURE INFLUX OF ASYLEES, THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WILL BE THAT OF AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEW CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO COLOMBIA. FONOFF  
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VAZQUEZ' REPORTED MAY 21 STATEMENT THAT THE GOC WOULD NOT GRANT AN AGREEMENT TO THE RETIRED CARABINERO GENERAL, AND ARE HOPING TO FIND A GRACEFUL WAY OUT OF THE SITUATION CREATED BY THE UNCHARACTERISTICALLY RASH REMARK ATTRIBUTED TO FONMIN VAZQUEZ. THEIR HOPE IS THAT THE CHILEAN GOVT WILL PROPOSE ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE POST.

4. IN REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF A NEW COLOMBIAN AMB TO CHILE, FONOFF OFFICIALS CITE THE IMPRACTICALITY OF NAMING A NEW AMB WHEN THERE ARE ONLY TWO MONTHS LEFT IN THE TERM OF THE PRESENT COLOMBIAN GOVT (THE LOPEZ ADMINISTRATION TAKES OFFICE ON AUG 7).

5. NEWS COVERAGE OF THE ASYLUM ISSUE, WHICH HAD BEEN RELATIVELY HEAVY, TAPERED OFF SUBSTANTIALLY AFTER THE FONMIN REPUDIATED ORDONEZ' STATEMENT ON HALTING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ASYLEES. EDITORIAL WRITERS, HOWEVER, HAVE GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL ATTENTION TO THE MATTER AND, IN PARTICULAR, HAVE ROUNDLY LAMPOONED GENERAL ORDONEZ.  
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